

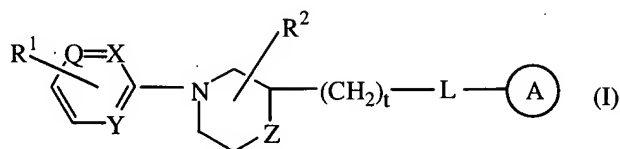
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claims

14. A compound of formula (I),



the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

t is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and when t is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

each Q is nitrogen or $\text{—C}\equiv$;

each X is nitrogen or $\text{—C}\equiv$;

each Y is nitrogen or $\text{—C}\equiv$;

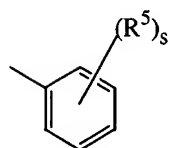
each Z is —NH— , —O— or $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$;

R^1 is $\text{—C(O)NR}^3\text{R}^4$, —NHC(O)R^7 , $\text{—C(O)—C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^7$, $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)N(OH)R}^7$, $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^7$, $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)C=N(OH)R}^7$ or another Zn-chelating-group wherein R^3 and R^4 are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl or aminoaryl;
 R^7 is independently selected from hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylpyrazinyl, pyridinone, pyrrolidinone or methylimidazolyl;
 R^8 is independently selected from hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

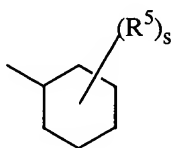
R^2 is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy, aryl C_{1-6} alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, amino C_{1-6} alkyl, aminocarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxycarbonyl C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxyaminocarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxycarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylamino C_{1-6} alkyl or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl;

-L- is a bivalent radical selected from $-NR^9C(O)-$, $-NR^9SO_2-$ or $-NR^9CH_2-$ wherein R^9 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-10} cycloalkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy C_{1-6} alkyl or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino C_{1-6} alkyl;

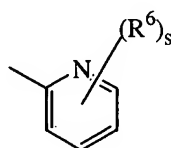
—(A) is a radical selected from



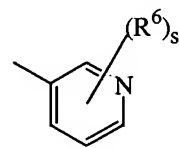
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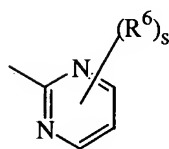
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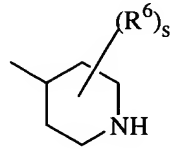
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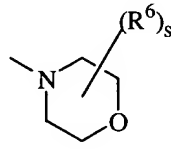
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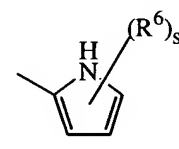
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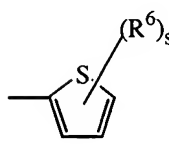
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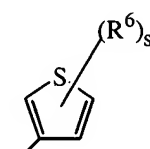
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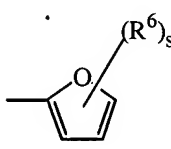
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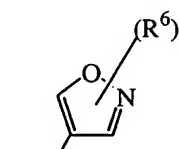
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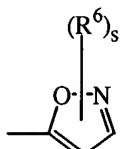
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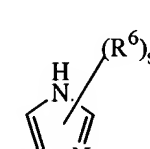
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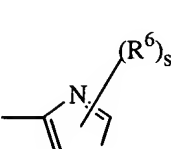
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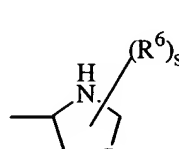
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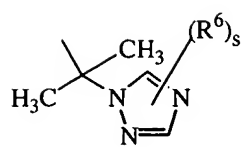
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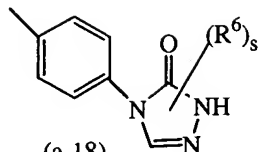
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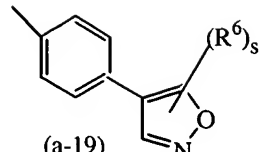
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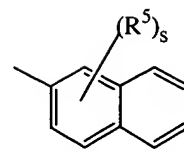
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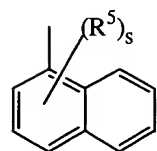
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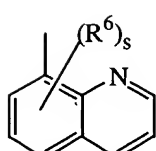
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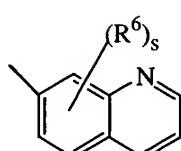
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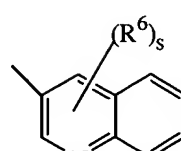
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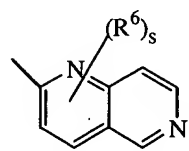
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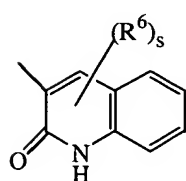
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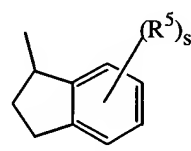
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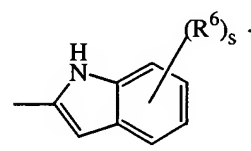
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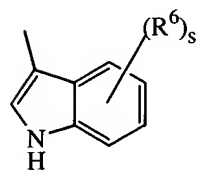
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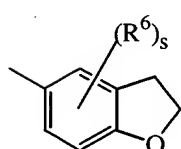
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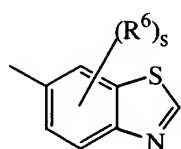
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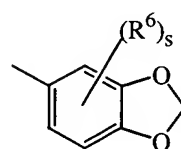
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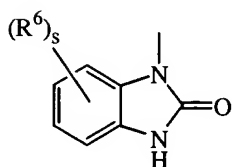
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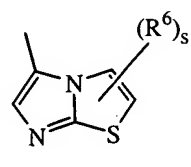
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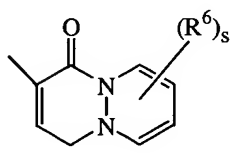
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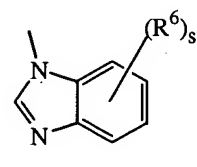
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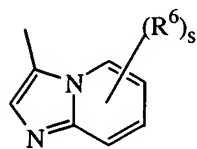
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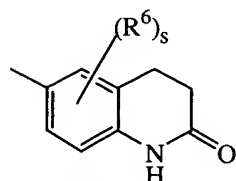
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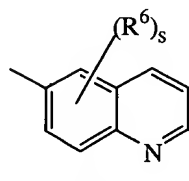
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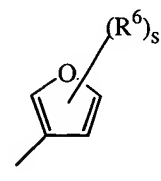
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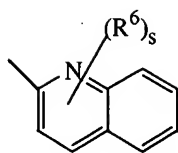
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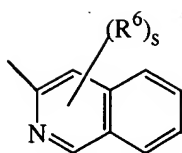
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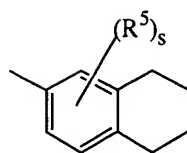
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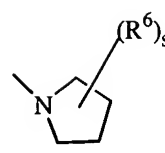
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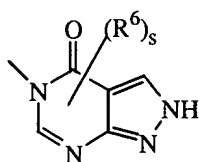
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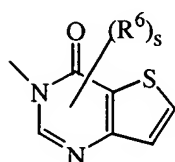
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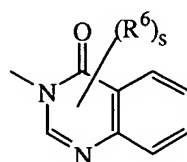
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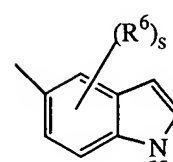
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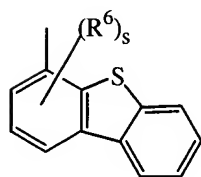
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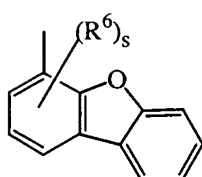
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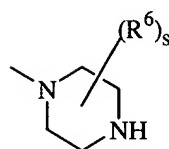
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wherein each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

each R^5 and R^6 are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro;

- trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with aryl and C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylamino; aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (aryl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy; aryloxyC₁₋₆alkyl; arylC₂₋₆alkenediyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl;
 thiophenyl substituted with
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl,
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, or di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl;
 oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl;
 pyrrolyl; piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; morpholinyl; C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl; morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy;
 morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl; morpholinylC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 morpholinylC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; piperazinyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; piperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; naphtalenylsulfonylpiperazinyl;
 naphtalenylsulfonylpiperidinyl; naphtalenylsulfonyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl;
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;
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 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
 C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; piperidinylaminoC₁₋₆alkylamino; piperidinylaminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 (C₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 (C₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
 (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl
 substituted with two substituents selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl;
 pyridinyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl;
 tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; quinolinyl;
 indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently
 selected from halo, amino, nitro, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy,
 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 C₁₋₄alkylsulfonyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl,
 aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyl, di(C₁₋₄
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 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
 aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, cyano,
 piperidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄
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 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, furanyl, furanyl
 substituted with -CH=CH-CH=CH-, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, morpholinyl, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyl, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 morpholinylC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, piperazinyl,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, piperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkylamino,

C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl, pyrimidinylpiperazinyl,
 pyrimidinylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, piperidinylaminoC₁₋₄alkylamino, piperidinylaminoC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 (C₁₋₄alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 (C₁₋₄alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 pyridinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylamino, di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, or thiophenylC₁₋₄alkylamino;
 each R⁵ and R⁶ can be placed on the nitrogen in replacement of the hydrogen;

aryl in the above is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or hydroxycarbonyl.

15. A compound as claimed in claim 14 wherein

R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl or aminoaryl;

—A is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-27), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42) (a-43) or (a-44);


each R⁵ and R⁶ are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylamino; aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)amino; arylC₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy; arylC₂₋₆alkenediyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl; thiophenyl substituted with di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl or di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; furanyl; imidazolyl; C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; morpholinyl; C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl; morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl; aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl; aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with two substituents selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from halo, amino, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, piperidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl, aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxypiperidinyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxypiperidinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyl,

C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylamino, di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, or thiophenylC₁₋₄alkylamino.

16. A compound as claimed in claim 14 wherein t is 0;

R¹ is -C(O)NR³R⁴, -C(O)-C₁₋₆alkanediylSR⁷, -NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁷,
 -NR⁸C(O)C₁₋₆alkanediylSR⁷, -NR⁸C(O)C=N(OH)R⁷ or another Zn-chelating-group
 wherein R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy,
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl or aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; R² is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino,
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonyl,
 aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 -L- is a bivalent radical selected from -NHC(O)- or -NHSO₂-;

—— is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9),
 (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20),
 (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32),
 (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42), (a-44),
 (a-45), (a-46), (a-47), (a-48) or (a-51);

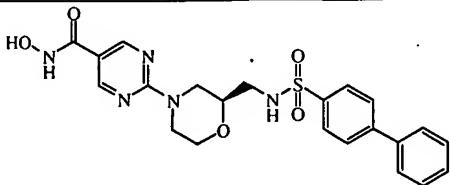
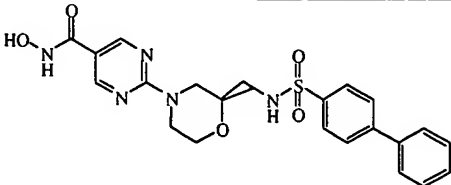
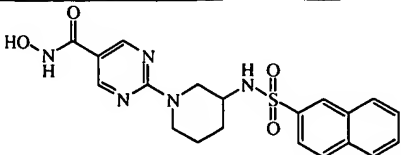
each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R⁵ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy;
 C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; aryloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; cyano; thiophenyl;
 furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl; oxazolyl;
 oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C₁₋₆alkyl;
 C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; morpholinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl; piperazinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinyl; pyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with one or two substituents
 selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C₁₋₆
 alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl; or phenyl substituted
 with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆
 alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl;

and R⁶ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; aryloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; cyano; pyridinyl; phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

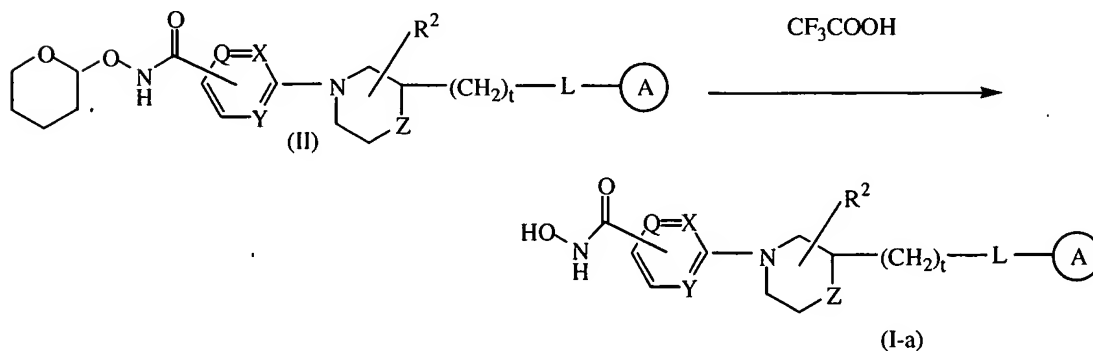
17. A compound as claimed in claim 14 wherein t is 0 or 1; each Q is $\text{—C}\equiv$; each X is nitrogen; R¹ is —C(O)NH(OH) ; R² is hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, or arylC₁₋₆alkyl; -L- is a bivalent radical selected from —NHC(O)— or $\text{—NHSO}_2\text{—}$; $\text{—}\textcircled{\text{A}}\text{—}$ is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-20); each s is independently 0 or 1; and each R⁵ is independently selected from hydrogen or phenyl.
18. A compound as claimed in claim 14 wherein t is 1; each Q is $\text{—C}\equiv$; each X is nitrogen; each Y is nitrogen; each Z is —O— or $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$; R¹ is —C(O)NH(OH) ; R² is hydrogen; -L- is a bivalent radical selected from —NHC(O)— or $\text{—NHSO}_2\text{—}$; $\text{—}\textcircled{\text{A}}\text{—}$ is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-20); each s is independently 0 or 1; and each R⁵ is independently selected from hydrogen or phenyl.
19. A compound according to claim 14 selected from the following compounds No 4, No 10, No 8, No 6, No 1, No 12 and No 14 :

Co. No. 4	Co. No. 10
Co. No. 8	Co. No. 6

	
(B); Co. No. 1	(A); Co. No. 12
	
Co. No. 14	

20. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 14.
21. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 20 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and the compound are intimately mixed.
22. The method of treating proliferative disease comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment, an anti-proliferative disease-effective amount of a compound of Claim 14.

23. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 14, characterized by reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with an appropriate acid, such as for example, trifluoro acetic acid, yielding a hydroxamic acid of formula (I-a), wherein R^1 is $-C(O)NH(OH)$:



24. A method of detecting or identifying a histone deacetylase (HDAC) in a biological sample comprising detecting or measuring the formation of a complex between a labelled compound as defined in claim 14 and a HDAC.
25. A combination of an anti-cancer agents and a compound of claim 14.